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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by three months. If any further extension of time is required to avoid abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

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